UNIT 3B – BEFORE CLASS ACTIVITIES

Exercise 1: Page 24 - VOCABULARY

Match sentence starters 1–7 with pairs of possible endings a–g.

1 The **global birth rate**
2 These days we are at **risk**
3 Recently, there's been a lot of **research**
4 Scientists don't know what **causes**
5 Our country has **invested** billions
6 We still can't **predict**
7 We should **invest** more in **exploring**

a in developing **solar power**/in finding a **cure** for Alzheimer's.
b **cancer cells** to grow/climate **change**.
c future **earthquakes**/exactly how we will **be affected** by climate change.
d into **identifying genes**/into new **sources** of energy.
e has been **falling steadily**/has **increased dramatically**.
f the bottom of the oceans/space.
g of **running out of** oil and gas/of getting more cancer.

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Exercise 2: page 24 exercise 4b – The article: Ask the experts about some of the biggest problems of our time

Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 The global birth rate is 50 percent lower than in the 1960s.
2 Scientists are developing ways to grow food without fields and land.
3 Scientists have shown that all cancer is caused only by smoking.
4 Treatment of cancer has improved a lot over the last 50 years.
5 More than a quarter of China's electricity comes from solar power.
6 Scientists have discovered how to use water as a fuel.

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